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# EXTENSION OF THE THIRD COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR THE SUDAN

Note by the Administrator

1. The third country programme for the Sudan, covering the period 1987 to 1991 was approved by the Governing Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988) and included the following three objectives: (a) sustainable rural development; (b) regional planning; (c) improved utilization of natural resources. During the mid-term review, which was held in May 1990, it was decided to add a fourth objective: disaster prevention and preparedness.

2. The Government has requested an extension of the third country programme by one year, through 1992. The Government is presently preparing the 10-year national strategic plan, which will define the developmental objectives of the country until the year 2003. This plan will provide the framework for the programming of the fourth country programme. Following the conclusions of the mid-term review, it was also considered that the objectives of the present country programme would remain valid throughout 1992 and that additional time was needed to advance implementation of some of its main components (e.g., Area Development Schemes Programme; regional projects; the Special UNDP Drought Operation for the Sudan (SUNDOS) - the emergency drought response programme) and to evaluate their progress and relevance for the fourth country programme.

3. The Government plans to submit the fourth country programme for Sudan to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993).

4. The Administrator wishes to inform the Governing Council that he has approved the extension of the third country programme for the Sudan for a period of one year, beginning 1 January 1992.

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